

**Great Basin Priority Summary - Based on Most Recent 209's
6/25/21**

Priority	Unit ID	Incident	Suppression Strategy	Descriptive Location	Size	24 hr Change	% Ctn	Expected Ctn Date	Complexity / IC Name	Crews		Helicopters			Total # Persons	Critical Needs	Threats
										T-1	T-2IA or 2	T-1	T-2	T-3			
New and Emerging Initial Attack Incidents																	
Ongoing Large Fires – Prioritized for Resource Commitment																	
1	UT-UWF	Morgan Canyon	Full Suppression	17 mi SW of Tooele, UT	499	0	40%	7/2/21	Type 3 IMT Erik Haberstick	4	1	2	0	1	146	Maintain current resources	Residences Steep rocky terrain Grazing allotments Watershed Trail/Area closure
2	ID-SCF	Fritzer	Full Suppression	15 mi of Salmon, ID	137	+37	20%	6/28/21	Type 3 IC Dan Bill	2	0	2	0	2	54	Maintain current resources	Fish habitat during critical spawning period
3	UT-MLF	Pack Creek	Full Suppression	14 mi SE of Moab, UT	8,952	0	75%	7/31/21	Type 2 IMT GB Team 4 Tim Roide	1	0	1	1	1	125	None	Communities & Structures threatened. Evacuations in place. Road/Area closures.
4	UT-MLF	Bennion Creek	Full Suppression	16 mi ENE of Indianola, UT	8,313	0	94%	6/30/21	Type 3 IMT Sean Whalen	0	1	1	0	1	72	None	Sage Grouse habitat Youth camp closed Trail closure
5	UT-VLD	Bear	Full Suppression	3 mi NW of Helper, UT	12,174	0	93%	6/30/21	Type 3 IMT Sean Whalen	0	1	1	0	1	54	None	Sage Grouse Habitat, Minimal threat to Helper, UT., Railroad, Powerlines, Comm. Sites, Watershed, Grazing allotments.
Ongoing Long Duration Fires – Not Being Prioritized for Resource Commitment																	
	AZ-ASD	MM 25 I15	Full Suppression	8 mi SW of St. George, UT	948	+798	40%	6/29/21	Type 4 IC George Haslett	1	2	2	0	1	138	None	Powerlines



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Evening Brief

Date: June 25th, 2021

Preparedness Levels & Great Basin Fire Activity (from WFDSS)

Great Basin	PL 3	Light Initial Attack Activity
National	PL 4	New Fires and Acres: 7 fires for 1.25 acres / 835 acres Large Fire Growth

Weather Summary:

...Breezy Downslope/NE Winds Eastern ID Saturday and Eastern UT Sat/Sun with RH 15-20% ...

...Hot Temperatures/Record Heat Spreading across NV/ID and into Utah Sunday into Next Week..

...Thunderstorms Returning from the South Next Week...

A few isolated thunderstorms may develop in the afternoon Saturday in Wyoming or the higher terrain of the Central Utah Mountains, but otherwise most of the moisture has moved to the east.

The focus this weekend will then shift to an unusually strong high-pressure ridge building across the Western Great Basin thru the Pacific Northwest and all the way up into Canada. This ridge will build eastward across the rest of the Great Basin toward the middle of next week and bring **another round of record heat to many areas of Nevada and Idaho initially, then into Utah by mid-week. Some areas in Idaho could break records by a few degrees.** Of particular concern will be holdovers from the upcoming lightning event and the rapid drying of the fuels. In addition, **gusty downslope northeast winds** on the east side of this high pressure over southern Canada could bring unusual **critical winds to parts of Eastern Idaho and possibly into far Northwest Utah/Northeast Nevada on Saturday then into Eastern Utah Sat/Sun. RH will remain a little higher in the 15-50% range, but with recent lightning in Idaho, could see holdovers. Enough moisture likely occurred in Utah to lower the threat of fires for a few days.**

Thunderstorms start developing again from the Sierra east across Central and Eastern Nevada into Southwest Utah Monday, with greater coverage over southern half of the Great Basin by Tuesday/Wednesday as deeper monsoon moisture works its way north. **High Risk** has been issued in parts of Nevada and Utah that have been drier recently for Mon/Tue, however storms will be transitioning to wetter. The bigger threat will be mid-level moisture that sneaks under the ridge further north into northern Nevada, Northwest Utah, but especially in Idaho. These storms will not be as numerous but will be drier and occur in areas where record heat will have occurred for several days. **See Forecast Matrix for High Risk for lightning next week.**

Fuels/Fire Potential:

... Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisory in effect for Utah, the Arizona Strip and Southern/Eastern/Central Nevada ...

Across the southern half of the Great Basin, fuels are already at mid-summer peak levels, to record level dryness in areas that have not received recent moisture. However, recent thunderstorm activity has moderated the fuels in some areas of Utah. Further north, into Northern Nevada, Idaho and Western Wyoming, fuels are drying rapidly and already critical in many lower to middle elevations,

with some timber areas especially dry. The least dry fuels remain in far western Idaho, where rains from nearly 2 weeks ago slowed the drying process, but even those areas will become critical this weekend into next week. Live Fuel moisture in low elevation brush, south of the Idaho border remains critically dry, 60-100% in most areas, which correlates with extreme fire behavior.

Some Utah areas will see a temporary decrease in large fire potential due to multiple days of wetter thunderstorms, higher humidity, and cloud cover. The record heat this weekend into next week for the western and northern half of the Great Basin is expected rapidly dry fuels and bring out holdovers from recent lightning. A return of lightning next week will again increase IA and the potential for large fires in some areas.

Resources:

Aviation within the Great Basin

- 1 VLAT, 3 LATs, 0 CL-415
- 23 SEATs, 2 FB, 10 AA, 1 ASM, 1 LP
- 13 Type 1 Helicopters / 6 Comm.
- 6 Type 2 Helicopters / 3 Comm.
- 17 Type 3 Helicopters / 9 Comm.

Crews Committed within the Great Basin

- 11 IHCs / 0 Available / 1 R&R
- 8 Type 2IA / 7 Available / 2 R&R

Current Incident Details

Todays Activity (from WFDSS):

Incident Name	Unique Fire Identifier	Size	Status	Latitude	Longitude	Pt. of Origin Sage Grouse Habitat
*Bench Canal	2021-UTUOA-100131	0.5	Out 06/25/21	40.33438	-109.9111	NO
*Flat Iron	2021-UTSES-000189	0.1	Out 06/25/21	38.32024	-109.446	NO
Bean	2021-UTMOD-000192	0.1	Out 06/25/21	37.75668	-109.0481	NO
Fin Little	2021-UTCCD-000354	0.1	Controlled 06/25/21	37.16214	-112.1241	NO
Moncur Spring	2021-UTCCD-000355	0.25	Controlled 06/25/21	37.173	-112.6889	NO
Ski Valley	2021-IDSIS-000261	0.1	Contained 06/25/21	44.93254	-116.1993	NO
Trout	2021-UTUWF-000364	0.1	Contained 06/25/21	40.28473	-111.1605	FWS-PAC

* Fires occurred previous night, not today

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